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Attention Louisiana Board of Ethics:

My name is Eric Peterson, and I am a lobbyist for the Pelican Institute for Public Policy located at 400 Poydras Street, Suite 900. New Orleans LA 70130. I am writing to you today to provide a background document and the reason for my late fee assessment due to my late filing of my lobbying expenditure report for July on 2021.

As I wrote in my first fax, I underwent substantial surgery at the end of June which caused me to not only be in recovery for the month of July but prevented most use of the computer since my left arm was mostly immobile at the time. I was told to provide documentation of this surgery. However, I was called right before Hurricane Ida and have not wanted to put additional strain on the healthcare system by asking for full documentation from the hospital. As such, in this document is a screenshot from my healthcare provider websites which notes I was at Southern Surgical on 6-23-2021. This was indeed the date on my arm which caused me to be immobile.

SOUTHERN SURGICAL

Medical Group - Outpatient - In Network

Patient Name: Eric Peterson Date of Service: 06/23/2021 Date Received: 06/30/2021 Status: Processed - 07/15/2021

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If you need any more documentation on this procedure or why this caused me to delay, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Attention Louisiana Board of Ethics:

My name is Eric Peterson, and I am a lobbyist for the Pelican Institute for Public Policy located at 400 Poydras Street, Suite 900. New Orleans LA 70130. I am writing to you today asking you to kindly suspend my late fee assessment due to my late filing of my lobbying expenditure report for July on 2021. Foremost I have never had a late fee before and have often submitted my reports far before the required date. Additionally, as my records will show I have never made a lobbying expenditure causing any delay in my report to be of little harm to the public interest.

Finally, I underwent substantial surgery at the end of June which caused me to not only be in recovery for the month of July but prevented most use of the computer since my left arm was mostly immobile at the time. While I filed out the report it seems I failed to click on the submit button. Upon being made aware of this I immediately corrected my mistake.

I hope the Louisiana Board of Ethics will consider these circumstances and waive the late fee assessment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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